

EXHIBIT 9

CONSENT, ASSIGNMENT, AND ASSUMPTION

Reference is made to the Talc Supply Agreement between Cyprus Windsor Minerals Corporation, a Vermont corporation ("Assignor"), and Johnson & Johnson Baby Products Company, dated January 6, 1989 (the "Agreement"). Assignor hereby assigns its rights and delegates the performance of its duties under the Agreement to RTZ America, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Assignee"). Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products, Inc., a New Jersey corporation ("CPI"), as successor in interest to Johnson & Johnson Baby Products Company, hereby consents to the assignment of rights and the delegation of performance of duties under the Agreement by Assignor to Assignee.

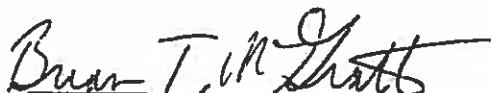
The consent of CPI granted hereby shall not release Assignor from any liability or responsibility under the Agreement and does not constitute a waiver or an estoppel with respect to any rights that CPI may have by reason of Assignor's past performance or failure to perform. The consent of CPI granted hereby is granted subject to the condition that Assignee has agreed, and hereby agrees, to assume and perform all of the obligations, covenants and agreements of Assignor in the Agreement and to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

No provision of this consent, assignment, and assumption shall be deemed to alter or modify any term or condition of the Agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties have caused this consent, assignment, and assumption to be executed effective as of the 29 th day of June, 1992.

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON
PRODUCTS, INC.**

By:



Name: Brian T. McGrath

Title: Director of Purchasing &
Package Engineering

RTZ AMERICA, INC.

By:

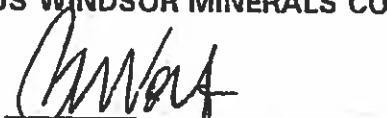


Name: Arthur L. Glass

Title: President

CYPRUS WINDSOR MINERALS CORPORATION

By:


Name: Philip C. Wolf
Title: President